

26581. ANDROPOGON CARICOSUS L.

From Antigua, Leeward Islands, British West Indies. Presented by Mr. S. Jackson, curator, Botanic Station. Received January 15, 1910.

"*Hay grass.* This is an East Indian grass, and in the West Indies, at present, is only found in Antigua. The history of its introduction is obscure. It is readily established, and once this is done takes possession of the land to the exclusion of other grasses. It grows on flat pasture areas, and when cut at the right time makes excellent hay." (*Extract from the Agricultural News, May 1, 1909, p. 131.*)

Distribution.—On the plains and low hills of India, from Scind to Burma; in the Province of Yunnan, China; and in Ceylon, Mauritius, and Timor.

26590. MEDICAGO SATIVA GAETULA Urb.

From Aures, Algeria. Procured by Mr. A. Clavé, director, Academy of Algiers, Oued-Zenati, Algeria. Received January 22, 1910.

"A wild form, said to occur in arid, exposed situations, and presumably very drought resistant." (*J. M. Westgate.*)

Distribution.—Slopes of the Atlas Mountains in the vicinities of Batna and Biskra, Algeria.

26591. PYRUS sp.**Pear.**

From Manchuria. Presented by Mr. Edward C. Parker, agriculturist, Bureau of Agriculture, Industry, and Commerce, Mukden. Received January 24, 1910.

"Seeds of the native Manchurian pear. I am of the opinion that the pear seedlings, when tested out in western nurseries or used for grafting purposes, will prove more valuable than the scions (S. P. I. Nos. 26485 to 26489)." (*Parker.*)

26592. VIGNA UNGUICULATA (L.) Walp.**Cowpea.**

From Millard, Arkansas. Presented by Mr. J. L. Forlines. Received January 24, 1910.

"Similar to *Taylor Crowder* but with the micropylar end white. The original seed said to have been found in the craw of a wild goose." (*C. V. Piper.*)

26593 to 26596.

From Mamuretul-Aziz (Harput), Turkey. Presented by Mr. Wm. W. Masterson, American consul. Received January 21 and 22, 1910.

Seeds of the following; notes by Mr. Masterson:

26593. AMYGDALUS PERSICA L.**Peach.**

"This peach is rather large, has an excellent flavor, with the ordinary stone, but a peculiar thing is, it has a smooth, tough skin of a mottled red and green color, like an apple, but with the ordinary peach shape.

"One of the great drawbacks in handling peaches in America is the easily broken, fuzzy skin; in addition, this fuzz is exceedingly uncomfortable to the touch. This new peach is perfectly smooth, without the slightest sign of fuzz; it is of a size a little larger than the average shipping peach of America, grows on the same kind of a tree, and instead of its being a budded or hybrid fruit as I supposed, it is grown from the seed, and in this instance like produces like."

26594 and 26595. ELAEAGNUS ANGUSTIFOLIA L.**26594.** Large fruited.**26595.** Small fruited.

"Trebizond date. This might be called a shrub. It grows in clusters to a height of some 8 or 10 feet and has a few rather sharp thorns on each limb.